

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 22, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)  
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Michael Lange (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

##### **Staff Present:**

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary  
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 267, 1/12/2007; HB 283,  
1/12/2007  
Executive Action: HB 45; HB 135; HB 178; HB 181; HB  
182

00:00:52 Rep. Jore

**HEARING ON HB 267**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:17 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on  
HB 267, Clarify impact fee laws.

**EXHIBIT** (edh14a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:46 John McGee, Florence-Carlton School District

**EXHIBIT** (edh14a02)

00:14:26 Terri Win, Sommers and Lakeside School District

00:20:24 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

**EXHIBIT** (edh14a03)

00:22:57 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:26:41 Don Hoffman, East Helena School District

00:27:26 Gary Griffith, Monforten School District

00:30:25 Annie Glover, MEA/MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:31:06 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

**EXHIBIT** (edh14a04)

00:38:20 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:58 Rep. Everett

00:39:30 Mr. Melton

00:39:41 Rep. Everett

00:40:05 Mr. McGee

00:40:15 Rep. Everett

00:40:38 Mr. McGee

00:40:57 Rep. Lake

00:42:12 Ms. Fox

00:43:41 Rep. Lake

00:44:08 Ms. Fox

00:44:44 Rep. Lake

00:45:13 Mr. McGee

00:46:02 Rep. Wilmer

00:46:37 Mr. Stewart

00:46:54 Rep. Lange arrives

00:46:58 Rep. Wilmer

00:47:05 Mr. Stewart

00:47:46 Rep. Wilmer  
00:48:11 Mr. Stewart  
00:49:06 Rep. Cordier  
00:49:51 Mr. McGee  
00:50:31 Rep. Cordier  
00:50:40 Mr. McGee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:46 Rep. Erickson

**HEARING ON HB 283**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:22 Rep. Margaret Campbell (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 283, Increase amount for non-beneficiary students.

[EXHIBIT \(edh14a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh14a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh14a07\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:03:51 Rep. Carol Juneau, SD 8, Browning  
01:06:23 J.Wescom, Fort Peck College Student  
01:07:23 Evelyn Red Elk a.k.a. Sacred Voice Heard, student  
01:09:18 Faye Kasuske, Fort Peck College student  
01:10:48 Joe McDonald, Salish Kootenai College President  
[EXHIBIT \(edh14a08\)](#)  
01:13:14 Andrew Zimmer, Salish Kootenai College student  
01:16:17 Alexis Johnson, Stonechild College student  
01:18:25 Callie Scott, Salish Kootenai College student  
01:20:50 Richard Little Bear, Chief Donlife College  
01:24:05 Leah Cabigas, Stone Child College student  
01:26:25 Melanie Strong, Salish Kootenai College graduate  
01:28:24 John Saloas, Blackfeet Community College  
01:29:51 Patricia Castro, Blackfeet Community College student  
01:31:05 Antoinette Juarez, Blackfeet Community College student  
01:32:38 Vince Mace, Fort Belknap College student  
01:34:42 Kaine Bishop, Fort Belknap College student  
01:35:27 Rep. Joey Jayne, HD 15, Arlee  
01:37:19 Sen. Frank Smith, SD 16, Poplar  
01:39:20 Anita Big Spring, Salish Kootenai College  
01:40:55 Rep. Bixby  
01:43:18 Linda Racine, Blackfeet Community College

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:44:47 Rep. Lange  
01:45:27 Rep. Campbell  
01:45:37 Rep. Lange  
01:46:21 Rep. Campbell  
01:46:40 Rep. Lange  
01:47:16 Rep. Campbell  
01:47:25 Rep. Ward  
01:47:44 Rep. Campbell  
01:48:06 Rep. Everett  
01:48:20 Rep. Campbell  
01:48:43 Rep. Lake  
01:49:12 Rep. Campbell  
01:49:45 Mr. McDonald  
01:50:11 Rep. Butcher  
01:50:42 Mr. McDonald  
01:51:07 Rep. Butcher  
01:51:20 Mr. McDonald  
01:51:32 Rep. Butcher  
01:51:40 Mr. McDonald  
01:52:21 Rep. Butcher  
01:52:42 Mr. McDonald  
01:53:00 Rep. Butcher  
01:54:12 Mr. McDonald  
01:54:42 Rep. Jore  
01:54:56 Mr. Zimmer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:55:13 Rep. Campbell  
  
01:58:38 Break  
02:08:43 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45**

02:09:26 **Motion:** Rep. Ward moved that **HB 45 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:09:51 Rep. Ward  
02:12:28 Rep. Raser  
02:12:48 Rep. Ward  
02:13:54 Rep. Raser  
02:14:12 Rep. Ward  
02:14:43 Rep. Raser  
02:15:34 Rep. Ward  
02:17:08 Rep. Raser

02:17:25 Rep. Ward

02:18:03 Rep. Lake

02:18:43 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lange made a substitute motion that **HB 45 BE TABLED**. Substitute motion carried by roll call vote with Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton, and Bixby voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 135**

02:20:32 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 135 DO PASS**.

02:20:55 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 135 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT**(edh14a09)

**Discussion:**

02:21:54 Rep. Grinde

02:22:37 Rep. Jore

02:22:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:23:14 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that the HB 135 **DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

02:23:24 Rep. Raser

**EXHIBIT**(edh14a10)

02:24:31 Rep. Jore

02:24:47 Rep. Lake

02:26:00 Rep. Jore

02:26:12 Rep. Lake

02:26:18 Rep. Grinde

02:27:10 Rep. Lange

02:27:52 Rep. Raser

02:29:35 Rep. Bixby

02:30:48 Rep. Hamilton

02:31:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hamilton **CALLED THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION THAT HB 135 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton, and Bixby voting aye.

02:32:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 135 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 181**

02:34:16 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 181 DO PASS.**

02:34:40 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 181 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(edh14a11)

**Discussion:**

02:35:22 Rep. Grinde

02:36:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher **CALLED THE QUESTION ON THE AMENDMENT.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:36:43 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 181 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

02:37:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Everett **CALLED THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION THAT HB 181 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton, and Bixby voting aye.

02:38:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lange moved that **HB 181 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried by voice vote with Rep. Raser voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182**

02:38:50 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 182 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:39:24 Rep. Wilmer

02:39:44 Rep. Jore

02:40:23 Rep. Raser withdrew her motion without objection.

02:40:52 Rep. Jore

02:41:27 Rep. Lake

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:41:52 Adjournment: 5:42 P.M.

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([edh14aad.pdf](#))**